

**COMPOSITION OF THE JOINT IHO-IOC GUIDING COMMITTEE FOR GEBCO**

- References:
- 1) IHB Circular Letter 34/2003, dated 12 May 2003
  - 2) IHB Circular Letter 27/2004, dated 23 April 2004
  - 3) IHO-IOC Publication B-7 "GEBCO Guidelines"

Dear Hydrographer,

1. Commodore A. SKLAVIDIS, the Director of the Hellenic Navy Hydrographic Service, has informed the Bureau that Mr. Alexis HADJANTONIOU (Greece) will no longer be available to represent the IHO on the GEBCO Guiding Committee.
2. Although in CL27/2004, paragraph b), the IHB is proposing a restructuring of the existing IHO/IOC Ocean Mapping Programme, the current structure must continue until any decision is taken. Therefore, this Circular Letter is to request Hydrographic Offices to submit nominations to the Bureau for this vacant post. Nominations should include a short Curriculum Vitae of the nominee. Candidates should have extensive knowledge and experience, enabling them to represent the IHO on the Joint IHO/IOC Guiding Committee for GEBCO. The Terms of Reference are attached at **Annex A**.
3. Members of the GEBCO Guiding Committee must have the support necessary to attend each Guiding Committee session. The Guiding Committee meets every year or every two years, depending on the circumstances. The next Guiding Committee meeting is scheduled to be held in Mexico in 2005. Any Member States submitting nominations (a nomination form is provided in **Annex B**) should bear this in mind before proposing a candidate. The form should be completed and returned to the IHB by **15 September 2004**.
4. Guidance on the make-up of the GEBCO Guiding Committee is contained in IHO-IOC Publication B-7 "GEBCO Guidelines", section 1.3. Your attention is drawn in particular to paragraph 1.3.1.2 (3) of the IHO-IOC Form of Understanding, which says "*Members of the Guiding Committee are experts acting in their personal capacity and shall not represent their Government*".
5. A list of the current IHO and IOC members of the Guiding Committee is provided in **Annex C**.
6. Since issuing IHB CL 27/2004 [Section (a)], the IHB has been informed that Mr. David MONAHAN (CHS), current Chairman of the GEBCO Guiding Committee, has been appointed as the Project Manager of the Nippon Foundation / GEBCO Training Project. To avoid conflicts of interest, Mr. MONAHAN has further indicated that he will step down as Chairman of GEBCO, but will remain a

member of the Guiding Committee. Consequently, the Guiding Committee will have to elect a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman; Member States will be informed of the result in due course.

7. The IHB thanks Mr. Alexis HADJANTONIOU for his valuable contribution to GEBCO and is most grateful to Greece for having made him available for the Guiding Committee.

On behalf of the Directing Committee

Yours sincerely,

*(original signed)*

Captain Hugo GORZIGLIA

Director

Encl: Annexes A-C

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Copy to:

Dr Robert WHITMARSH, Permanent Secretary of GEBCO

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**  
*for the*

**JOINT IOC-IHO GUIDING COMMITTEE FOR THE GEBCO**

The Joint IOC-IHO Guiding Committee for the General Bathymetric Chart of Oceans (GEBCO) shall:

1. Guide the GEBCO project and make recommendations to the two parent organizations on the policy to be followed for the preparation and dissemination of that world series of contoured charts of the ocean floor and of the "GEBCO Digital Atlas".
2. Identify the needs of the various users of the bathymetry of the world's oceans, study the ways and means whereby these needs can be met, and implement actions found feasible which meet these needs.
3. Advise the International Hydrographic Organization (in its capacity as the World Data Centre for Bathymetry) on matters connected with the collection and exchange of bathymetric data, including the development of automatic data assimilation, archival, retrieval and distribution methods, soliciting the advice and assistance of the IOC Committee on International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE) and others as necessary.
4. Stimulate the flow of data relevant to GEBCO by actively identifying sources of new data and encouraging release of data to appropriate data banks, with the object of ensuring that maximum available data are provided to the World Data Centre for Bathymetry and its IHO Data Centre for Digital Bathymetry.
5. Supervise the means of maintaining, further developing and routinely updating the "GEBCO Digital Atlas" (GDA) activities :
  - i. Organizing procedures for new compilations of bathymetry;
  - ii. Advising on standards and methodology;
  - iii. Generating and developing a supplementary file containing shiptracks, for the purpose of providing graphic presentation for quality assurance related to interpreted bathymetric information;
  - iv. Integrating in an appropriate way the geographical names of undersea features; and
  - v. Considering the best medium and software for the effective use of the GDA by all users.
6. Explore the potential, for the better interpretation of oceanic bathymetry, of techniques such as acoustic imagery and satellite observations.
7. Taking into account the new technologies and data available, draft specifications and a timetable for the production of a 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the traditional printed GEBCO chart series.
8. Investigate and develop new extra-budgetary logistic and financial arrangements necessary for the production of a 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of GEBCO.
9. Prepare and maintain, in association with national and international bodies, an authoritative Gazetteer on Geographical Names of Undersea Features.

10. Recommend and develop measures for optimum publicity, distribution and sales of copies of the "GEBCO Digital Atlas" and printed charts produced under the aegis of the Guiding Committee.
11. Maintain, as necessary, advisory Sub-Committees on :
  - i. Undersea Feature Names; and
  - ii. Digital Bathymetry.

And create others as required from time to time.
12. Advise regional bodies affiliated to IOC and/or IHO of the specifications for, and collaborate in the preparation of, bathymetric charts at scales suitable for regional projects, to help ensure their compatibility with, and later inclusion in, the GDA.
13. Provide advice on ocean mapping, as requested by intergovernmental and non-governmental organization.

*References :*

- b) Document IOC/XVII/3; Report of the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the IOC Assembly, Paris, France, 25 February-11 March 1993.*
- b) IHB Circular Letter No. 42/1993 of 15 September 1993.*

**NOMINATIONS**  
*for the*

**JOINT IHO-IOC GUIDING COMMITTEE FOR GEBCO**

**NOMINATION FORM**

*(to be returned to the IHB by 15 September 2004*

*E-mail: [info@ihb.mc](mailto:info@ihb.mc) - Fax: +377 93 10 81 40)*

**Member State:** .....

.1 Taking into consideration the Terms of Reference of the Joint IHO-IOC Guiding Committee for GEBCO, as given in Annex A to IHB CL 31/2004, do you wish to propose a member for the Joint IOC-IHO Guiding Committee for GEBCO?

YES  NO

.2 If yes, please indicate the name of your representative:

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E-mail: .....

Comments :

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Name / Signature .....

Date: .....

**LIST OF IHO-IOC MEMBERS ON THE GEBCO GUIDING COMMITTEE**  
*(May 2004)*

**IHO Members**

- Mr. David MONAHAN (Canada), since 1985.
- Mr. Kunio YASHIMA (Japan), since 1991.
- Dr. Michael S. LOUGHRIDGE (USA), since 1998.
- IGA Etienne CAILLIAU (France), since 2003.

**IOC Members**

- Dr. Gleb B. UDINTSEV (Russian Federation), since 1974.
  - Dr. Robin K.H. FALCONER (New Zealand), since 1985.
  - Dr. Ing. Hans-Werner SCHENKE (Germany), since 1991.
  - Lic. José Luis FRIAS SALAZAR (Mexico), since 1994.
  - Dr. Meirion JONES (UK), since 2003.
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